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**FORT BRAGG SOLDIERS HELP LAUNCH "BOOZE IT & LOSE IT" CAMPAIGN**

**RALEIGH** — Soldiers joined law enforcement officers from across the state to kick off the Fall "Booze It & Lose It" enforcement campaign at Fort Bragg Army Base today.

Darrell Jernigan, director of the Governor's Highway Safety Program, and Col. John Chambliss, commander of the 16<sup>th</sup> Military Police Airborne Brigade, encouraged motorists to make the right decision and not drive after drinking.

Robert Yoho of Mint Hill spoke about the loss of his son in a wreck involving an impaired driver two years ago.

"I hope by sharing my story it will make people think twice before they drive after drinking" Yoho said. "Anything I can do to prevent another family from losing a child is well worth my time."

The high-visibility enforcement effort begins Aug. 17 and will continue until Sept. 3. Officers will conduct checkpoints statewide throughout the campaign featuring Breath Alcohol Testing mobile units, better known as BATMobiles.

In 2005, 1,416 North Carolina motorists were involved in fatal traffic crashes with 379 of those crashes being alcohol-related.

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